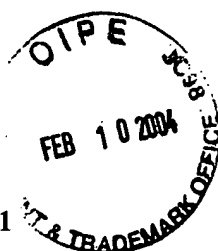


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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of two months to Response to Office Action.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith. The response is the filing of a continuation application having an express abandonment conditioned on the granting of a filing date to the continuing application.
3. Applicant is other than a small entity.
4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):

Extension:
two months

Fee for other than small entity:
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5. Extended period for response

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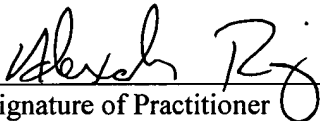
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